

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 7-10, 12-13, and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,915,374 issued to Pereira. Claims 15 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,381,202 issued to Shimoda et al. Claims 5 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pereira in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0105874 issued to Matsumoto. Claims 6 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pereira in view of Shimoda. Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimoda in view of Matsumoto. Applicants have amended Claim 15. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

Pereira discloses downloading of an optical medium write strategy to an optical drive if the optical drive does not recognize an identification code of the optical medium.

Shimoda discloses an information recording/reproducing apparatus and an information recording method that allow the formation of a recording pit having a preferable shape.

Claim 1 recites, in part, “each preassigned optical medium identification code associated with an optical medium planned for development by an optical medium manufacturer.”

Claim 8 recites, in part, “each preassigned optical medium identification code associated with an optical medium planned for development by an optical medium manufacturer.”

Claim 15 as amended recites, in part, “each preassigned optical medium identification code associated with an optical medium planned for development by an optical medium manufacturer.”

Pereira cannot anticipate Claims 1, 8 and 15 because Pereira fails to teach, disclose or suggest all elements recited by Claims 1, 8 and 15. For example, Pereira fails to teach, disclose or suggest “each preassigned optical medium identification code associated with an optical medium planned for development by an optical medium manufacturer.” Pereira retrieves write strategies to an optical drive where the write strategies are not available at manufacture of the

optical drive (1:65-67) and does not address preassignment of optical medium identification codes in an optical drive. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees which may be necessary and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502264.

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